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Glacier National Park Antler Poachers Convicted

Kolodejchuk brothers fined \$500 each and prohibited from park for three years

WEST GLACIER, MONT. – Officials at Glacier National Park report that two local men plead guilty to illegal possession and removal of park resources in U.S. Magistrate Court on Friday, July 18th in Great Falls, Montana.

Park Superintendent Mick Holm stated that Raymond Allen Kolodejchuk of Columbia Falls and Robert Arlen Kolodejchuk of Coram each plead guilty to the charge of collecting and possessing elk antlers within the boundaries of Glacier National Park.

The two were apprehended in the North Fork subdistrict of the park on May 10, 2003. They had in their possession approximately 40 pounds of shed antlers.

Magistrate Carolyn S. Ostby accepted their guilty plea, fined them \$500 each and prohibited the brothers from entering the park for a period of three years. According to Holm, “Both of the men had been warned on numerous occasions in the past concerning park regulations prohibiting the removal of antlers.”

“The park is managed to protect resources in their natural state. The removal of resources, such as shed antlers, plants and other natural products goes against the National Park Service management philosophy of protecting resources and thereby allowing for all park visitors to discover and experience park resources,” said Holm.

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